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In re application of

Confirmation No. 7242

Minoru FUJIMORI et al.

Docket No. 2001 0206A

Serial No. 09/816,391

Group Art Unit 1633

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Examiner B. Whiteman

ANAEROBIC BACTERIUM AS A DRUG FOR CANCER GENE THERAPY

## **RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated January 15, 2002.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction and election of species.

Regarding the restriction requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-22 and 24-27.

Regarding the species election, Applicants elect the species (a) of claim 4. Claims 1-3, 5, 8-14, 16, 19-22, 24 and 26 are readable on the elected species.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted, Minoru FUJIMORI et al.

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